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PLANT QUARANTINE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

OF THE

REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA

This revised summary of the plant quarantine import restrictions of Guatemala is presented for the information of exporters of plants and plant products to that country and for plant quarantine officials.


It was prepared by R. G. Oakley, Supervisor of Export Certification, Division of Plant Quarantines, from translations of the several Guatemalan Decrees applicable to importations of plants and plant products, and was reviewed by the Ministry of Agriculture of Guatemala.

The information contained in this circular is believed to be correct and complete up to the time of preparation but it is not intended to be used independently of, nor as a substitute for, the original texts, nor is it to be interpreted as legally authoritative. The original Decrees should be consulted for the exact texts.

This circular supersedes that portion of B. E. P. Q. 445, dated May 10, 1937, relating to Guatemala, as well as supplements Nos. 4 and 5 to that circular, dated August 1, 1947, and August 12, 1949.

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BASIC LEGISLATION

Decree of August 29, 1919 as amended January 15, 1920; also Decrees of May 2, 1922, April 28, 1923 (as amended December 16, 1946), September 8, 1923, November 6, 1923, and August 1, 1949.

IMPORTATION PROHIBITED

1. Importations of the following articles are prohibited, except as provided below:

Banana plants (Musa spp.) from the Antilles and countries around the Gulf of Honduras. (Decree of November 6, 1923.)

Citrus (Citrus spp.) propagating material (fruit, seed, or plants), except that the Ministry of Agriculture may grant licenses for importations unaffected by destructive insects and diseases. (Decree of August 1, 1949.)

Coffee (Coffea spp.) seeds or plants, except seeds imported through the Ministry of Agriculture. (Decree of September 8, 1923.)

Gardenia or Cape Jasmine plants. (Decree of September 8, 1923.)

Mulberry trees. (Decree of May 24, 1922.)

Sugarcane (Saccharum officinarum) shoots. (Decree of January 15, 1920.)

Used Sacks. (Decree of April 28, 1923.) (Note: Amendment of December 16, 1946 cancelled by resolution of August 2, 1950.)

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Required Inspection Certificate

2. An inspection certificate issued by competent authority (State or Federal) of the place of origin is obligatory with each shipment of plants, parts thereof, seeds, or fruits, and all packing materials,



declaring them to be free from diseases of a contagious character and that they are from sources where no insects, fungi, or other parasites exist, the introduction of which might constitute a danger to the cultures of the country. The certificate is to be visaed by a Guatemalan Consul. (Decrees of August 29, 1919, and September 8, 1923.)

Exception to above stated certificate requirements is that the certificate is not required in the case of flower and vegetable seeds imported in small packages or small parcel post packages or shipments as samples without commercial value. (Decree of January 15, 1920, modified by resolution of June 4, 1932.)

3. Any importation of seeds or plants unaccompanied by the certificate required by the Decree of August 29, 1919, will be sent by the customs or postal officials to the Direction General of Agriculture, where the interested persons may obtain them after inspection, and if necessary, disinfection, at the expense of the interested persons. (Decree of Jan. 15, 1920.)